

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 335

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Imogene Fesmire
Harris of Milan.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Imogene Fesmire Harris; and

WHEREAS, Imogene Harris was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity on the Carl Perkins Child Abuse Center Board, the committees of the Gibson County Democratic Party of Tennessee, the Executive Committee for the Democratic Party of Tennessee, and as Chairman of the Milan Housing Authority Board; she earned the respect of her peers and her community alike for the exemplary quality of her work and for her outstanding dedication to the causes in which she believed; and

WHEREAS, a firm and devout believer in the importance of the democratic process, Imogene Harris was active in the Gibson County Democratic Party and the Tennessee Democratic Party for nearly fifty years, during which time she played an integral and important role in hundreds of local, statewide, and national campaigns; her devotion to the facets of the democratic party and her understanding of the importance of building a good campaign made her a mainstay in the campaigns of Congressman John Tanner, Congressman Ed Jones, Governor Ned McWherter, and Vice President Al Gore and served her well in her role as a delegate to four Democratic National Conventions; and

WHEREAS, she also served with acumen and alacrity in the Congressional offices of John Tanner and Ed Jones; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Harris was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Tom Harris, Jr., who preceded her in death; together they were the proud parents of Pam McAlpin and Jan Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Imogene Harris is survived by a brother, James Fesmire, and a sister, Martha Layne Fesmire; and four grandsons, Jason McAlpin, Adam McAlpin, Jake Anderson, and Clay Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Imogene Harris leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Imogene Fesmire Harris, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Harris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.